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7—R. Dunn 9—A. Malcolm
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8—Picken

Reserve:

11—P. Head

first exploited, I think, by that greatest of all English combinations, Aston Villa, and so ably illustrated to us by the recent visiting Fleet team, is, in my opinion, of the utmost importance in getting the best results from any forward line. The wing half-backs should collaborate with their inside and wing forwards in an attack, and always be just behind their front pair ready to receive a back pass, thus making an additional forward as the occasion demands. Remember attack is the best defence. The oftener your forwards are kept on the attack the fewer opportunities your opponents will have.

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(To be Continued.)

The Council meeting of the Metropolitan Association, due to take place next Monday night, at the Sports Club, has been postponed till the following Monday, May 12th.

All Councillors are requested to take this as the official intimation.

The action is taken on account of the fact that the Commonwealth Association has arranged the official reception to the Canadians for Monday, May 5th.

CANTERBURY CLUB.

The Canterbury Club announce that they are badly in need of an outside left, and will welcome a new member to the club meeting to try out in this position.

Anybody interested is asked to write to R. H. Midgely, 493 Kent Street, Sydney.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

The following minutes of the English Football Association make interesting reading:—Law 6. Offside: The Committee having communicated with a referee for continually stopping play and ordering free kicks, when players although in offside positions, were not interfering with an opponent or with the play, decided that the attention of referees be again called to the following decision of the Council:—

"Play should not be stopped and a player given off-side under Law 6 because a player is in an off-side position. A breach of the Law is only committed when a player who is in an off-side position interferes with an opponent, or with the play."

A letter was considered from Durham F.A., requesting a decision upon the following:—Where does the jurisdiction of a referee over the players actually commence?

The committee expressed their opinion as follows:—A referee has power to deal direct with a player for any breach of the law of the game after he has signalled for the play to commence, while the game is in progress, during any temporary suspension of the play, or when the ball is out of play. Misconduct by a player prior to, or after a game, or during the half-time interval, must be reported by the referee.

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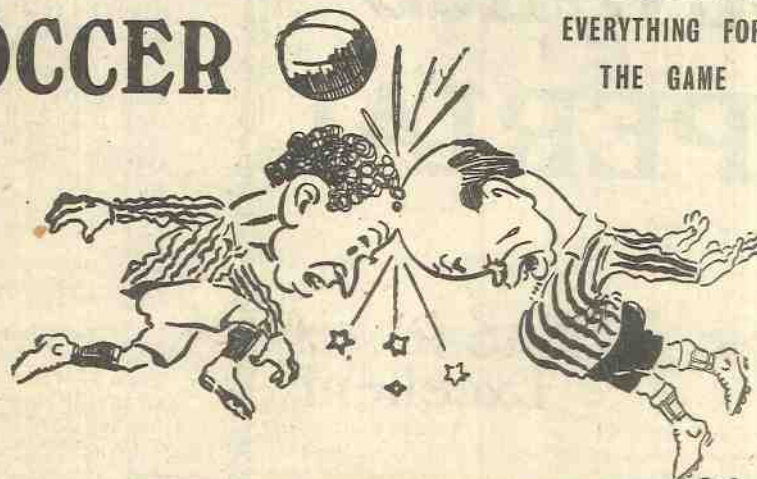
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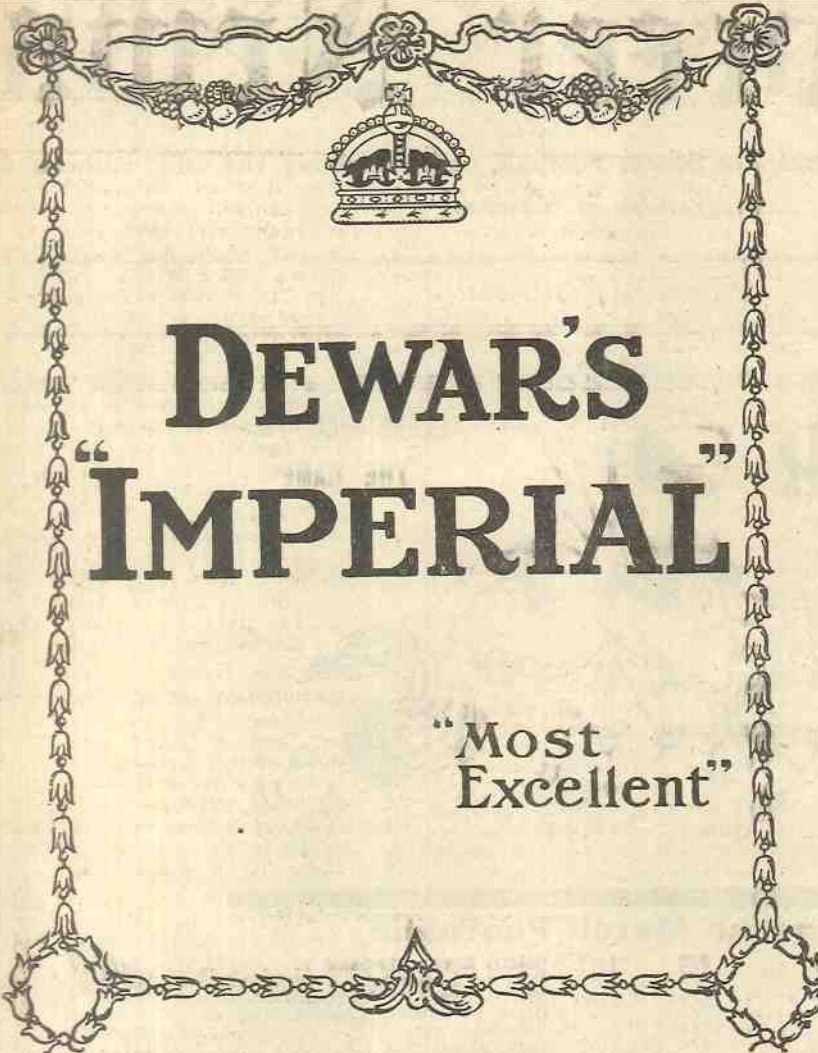
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INJURIES AND TREATMENT.

By T. A. Langridge.

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notice it at all. But its hard, as it forces itself on one, so to speak. In Sydney you have to keep to the left while walking, so they tell me, but I haven't noticed it yet. The streets are narrow, but the Sydneyites get annoyed if you mention it; in Pitt Street, if you allow your elbow to protrude beyond the window of the tram you are likely to cause serious damage to the noses of those waiting on the edge of the pavement. We have been welcomed by his Worship the Mayor up at the Town Hall, and on Tuesday night we were the guests of the management of Her Majesty's Theatre. We are to have some launch trips on "Our 'Arbour" during the next few days; so far we have not seen any convicts or blacks about.

Sydney has had a great deal of excitement lately. There have been four murders, the visit of the Fleet, and now us, but the people appear normal enough. We are to play our first match to-day, and when they see us in action, especially Mosher in his little padded pants, we expect little old Sydney to be surprised. More next mail.

Yours,

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Popular Prices—2/2, 1/1. Ringside, 3/3.

THE ILLAWARRA ASSOCIATION.

By J. Hawke.

A record number of entries and a record number of competitions marks the season's opening in the Illawarra district. Entries are as follows:—1st League, 1st Division, 7; 2nd Division, 7; All-Age, 5; Under 21, 7; Under 18, 11; Under 16, 8; Schools, 14.

In the first week's games Balgownie, minus the services of "Judy" Masters, went down to Coledale, on their home ground, by 3 goals to 1. Moir, an ex-Balmain Gladstone player, at

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Drinkwater, of Neath, was injured, and removed to hospital. After treatment he was allowed to go home, and is progressing favorably.

WALLSEND v. NEW LAMBTON.

The surprise of the day, however, was the game put up by New Lambton, who opposed Wallsend on the latter team's home ground. New Lambton's defence being responsible for the keeping intact of their goal right up to within 18 minutes of full time, when New Lambton were leading 2 goals to nil, both being scored by W. Stewart. Wallsend, however, came with a great final rush and succeeded in equalising, the goals coming from Gibson and Urwin. New Lambton have every reason to be satisfied with the taking of at least one point from the Reds.

In the junior games, Adamstown defeated Young Wallsend 5—0. Teralba defeated Mayfield 5—2. Barnsby and West Wallsend played a 1-all draw. Killingworth defeated Boolaroo 2—1, and Dudley and Minmi played a draw 1—1.

The Fourth Grade results were: Adamstown (1) defeated Awaba 3—1. Jesmond and Boolaroo played a scoreless draw.

New Lambton defeated Broadmeadow 3—1.

Hamilton defeated Bainsby 2—1.

Fernleigh defeated Adamstown (2) 2—0.

Dudley defeated Rhondda 1—0. Cath. Hill Bay defeated Swansea 2—1.

The point score for Seniors up to date are as follows:—

Teams	Goals									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Cessnock	3	2	0	1	6	3	5			
Wallsend	3	1	0	2	6	4	4			
Kurri	3	2	1	0	7	6	4			
New Lambton	2	1	0	1	4	3	3			
West Wallsend	3	1	1	1	4	4	3			
Adamstown	3	1	1	1	3	2	3			
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Neath	3	0	2	1	4	8	1			
Mayfield	2	0	2	0	2	5	0			

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SOCCER'S OUTLOOK.

International Aspect.

ENTHUSIASM PREVAILS.

By J.F.B.

The present Soccer season gives promise of being the most successful in the annals of the pastime. It is nearly 50 years since activities were commenced in New South Wales. Remarkable progress is recorded in all other States of the Commonwealth.

Even a casual observer must already have been struck with the tremendous enthusiasm on the part of officials, players and supporters alike during the opening weeks of the Sydney Soccer season. Never in the history of the game has the round-ball season opened under more auspicious skies. Everywhere one turns club controllers are working in complete harmony with enterprising Association officials in anticipation of the best season ever.

It is pleasant to relate, too, that the ambit of operations of the Soccer code is rapidly spreading to the country centres. Despite the great handicap of extensive mileage between the large towns, many enthusiasts endowed with the gift of organising ability are successfully concentrating their energies in the direction of promoting competition games in districts hitherto unexploited by devotees of the national game of Great Britain.

There are four codes operating in New South Wales. With the exception of Soccer, the other codes mostly confine activities to the Metropolis. Sydney is a rapidly growing city with a big population and diverse tastes. Thus there is plenty of scope for each code to show off their games to the public.

Will Soccer Dominate?

There are many who hold the opinion that Soccer is ultimately destined to be the dominant game in Australia in the not-too-far-distant future. The universality of the Soccer game is, perhaps, one of the most plausible reasons

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- Carrying by goalkeeper.
- Charging goalkeeper at wrong time, the charging being otherwise fair.

- Ball not kicked forward from a penalty kick.
 - Improper throw in.
 - Dangerous play (Law 13).
- Players should note a goal can be scored direct from any other free kick.

The Full Backs.

The full-backs should have a perfect understanding with their goalkeeper. Often in a tight corner and particularly when facing your own goal, it is judicious to pass back to the goalie who is facing the field of play, and able to clear the ball much easier than it is for the back to turn round and clear when he has probably one or two opponents at his heels. The two backs must also have a complete understanding with each other and combine their movements in much the same way as the forwards have to do. If one back advances to tackle a player his partner should drop back to cover him. It is not always essential for a full-back to volley the ball hard in clearing. An accurate judicious pass to his half-back will often be to greater advantage to his side. When a long clearance is made it is usually more good luck than judgment if the ball reaches one of your own team.

Have an understanding with your wing half-back as to which man he is to tackle, the inside or outside forward. I advocate the half-back taking the wing man, and the full-back the inside forward, but other men advocate vice-versa, but whichever it is have an understanding and stick to it.

SOUTH SYDNEY v. ALEXANDRIA.

A very interesting game was played on Waterloo Oval on Saturday between the above clubs. During the early stages the forwards of both sides played pretty football by keeping the ball on the turf and passing neatly and with accuracy to each other. In the second half Alexandria tried hard to get the winning goal, and it was only by the good defence and clever goal-keeping of G. Allison that they did not achieve their object. The game ended in a draw—1 all.

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4—R. W. HARLEY

5—R. STOBBA

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COMMENTS.

The Protestant Churches' Soccer Football Association joins with the world of sport in general in extending to the visiting Canadians the most cordial of Australian welcomes.

Duprez, of Alex. Mission A, was easily the star player of the day, and well-nigh broke the hearts of Ryde Meth. He was ably supported by Roberts and Hodgson. If Moore had better support Ryde Meth. would not fare nearly so badly. Hurlstone Pk. Congs. and St. Paul's provided an interesting game, Neilson netting the only goal. St. Clements' and Lakemba Congs. A both had easy victories. Holy Trinity v. Dul. Hill Bapt. ended with honors even. Unless Trinity take a pull they will be visiting M.C. "en bloc" before long. Enmore Tabs. woke up with a start to the sorrow of M'kville Presb. The game was fairly even.

Marsden was once again the shining light of Newtown Congs. A, and was largely responsible for Botany Meth. A's downfall. A good exhibition of the game was given the better team on the day getting home. Though only fielding nine men, L'hardt Meth. were able to account for their Presb. contemporaries by 3-1. Hyde, Rabey, Burgess, and Kelly were in good form. R. Thomas put in some good work for All Saints last week. Kellich and Powell played well for Austen F.C. Kellich should be playing in a higher grade than he is. It is a wonder that Management permitted him to play second grade. All Soul's played with stiff luck and went under to Croydon Congs. A. 2-1.

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I think the Scottish game has been the scientific game; and the fact that at the same time it has been a paying game is proved by the record of the International matches played between Scotland and England.

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Personally, I do not want to see the day arrive when it can truthfully be said that the main idea behind Scottish first-class football is to kick the ball hard and run after it at top speed. Yet I have many friends in England who declare that this is the basis of the game as played by a proportion of the big clubs.

Science is at a discount, and speed is the all-important factor, apparently. And my fear at the moment is that there is a very real danger of the English methods being copied by the Scottish clubs.

Thinking it over, however, I am not so sure that this is not even a more natural development on recent happenings rather than a danger. The number of football clubs aspiring to first class has recently been increased in Scotland. We have extended the divisions of the Scottish League.

In doing this sort of thing, it is obvious that you also increase the demand for the young and raw material. And the danger, as I see it, is that in the desperate hunt to find a supply of footballers to keep up the demand, we in Scotland may be tempted to depart from our ordinary methods of producing real footballers.

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Charging behind is illegal unless an opponent is obstructing, but it must under no circumstance be violent or dangerous.

GOAL.—A goal is scored when the ball has passed between the goal posts, under the bar, and completely over the goal line.

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DURATION OF GAME.—Except when otherwise arranged, the duration of a game shall be two spells of 45 minutes.

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By J. McDougall.

Any healthy well-built young man can kick a football about a field, but there is a right and a wrong way of doing everything, and experience teaches the correct means of obtaining the best results.

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Hornsby's runaway victory over West Ryde occasioned some surprise, for although Hornsby are

game, those in the know expected a hard fight on West Ryde's part after their fine showing last year in the Granville competition. No doubt West's will feel better when they have put in a few week's training.

The Merry Farmers from Carlingford made merry at Ryde's expense. Ryde, however, though beaten, were not outclassed. A few games together should make a big improvement.

Tom Glen, Ryde's left back, was always a thorn in the side of the Farmers.

Concord A's were rather hard on Roseville. Cheer up, Roseville, you have good material, and will doubtless make your weight felt when you become better acquainted with the game.

Gladesville did well to beat Concord B's. The boys from the 'Ville are fine sports; they originally entered as an under 18 team, but on finding that there were insufficient entries transferred to the A Grade.

In the C Grade the Ryde and West Ryde teams made up for shortcomings of their elder brothers. There should be a great game when these two meet.

The Association was unfortunately compelled to abandon the B Grade competition, as there were only three entries. Gladesville, as mentioned above, went into A Grade. Carlingford have decided to enter the Granville competition. Concord-Cabarita have asked to be placed in C Grade. No decision has yet been arrived at, but there should be no difficulty, as they have only three players who are over 16.

NORTH'S IMPROVEMENT.

The reshuffling of the North Sydney Soccer Club for the match against Callan Park proved a success. Smith moved from inside right to centre half, Rowman centre forward, Carson inside left, and Edwards inside right, worked well together, with the result that the weakest line of the team (the forward line) was greatly strengthened.

With a little more combination and training, North Sydney should go ahead.

"CRITIC."

TEAM TO PLAY GOULBURN.

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EARLY MATCH.

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The following will represent the "B" Division against the "A" at 1.45 p.m. to-day. Players to report to their captain at 1.30 p.m.:—

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TWO INTERNATIONALS.

Canterbury have two internationals in their team this season.

Junior International of 1921. After opening shakily in the match Canterbury v St. George, he gave a masterly exhibition in the second half. Although on the small side he manages to reach the high shots well, and his diving was a revelation. McLaren, who plays right half, played schoolboy international for Scotland against England in 1921, and is only just turned sixteen. At home he always played full back, but the Bury's prefer him at right half. With a little more experience of local conditions this boy is going to make a name for himself. He is a great tackler, has wonderful control over the ball, and feeds his forwards like a veteran, swinging the ball about with great judgment. The Bury's opening has not been auspicious, but when the new men get settled down and an outside left obtained, they will more than hold their own with the best of 'em.

A TEAM AT GRIFFITH.

From the "Area News."

These clippings sent from Griffith indicate that the game is making progress in the country.

The Soccer boom continues, the meeting held at Messrs. Gambell Bros., Yambill Street, to form a club at Griffith, being most enthusiastic. The new club started well, seventeen members enrolled at the meeting and there is every prospect of at least 30 playing members coming along.

Subscription was fixed at 5/- and attractive colors, two blues, quartered, were chosen. The matter of a playing field was considered, and an effort will be made to secure the oval next the barracks. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Mr. Ferguson; President, Mr. W. Blackwood; Vice-Presidents, Dr. A. E. Burrell, Messrs. J. P. Fallon, L. Chettle, J. Wood, C. Mayes, A. Gambell; Secretary, Mr. L. Ray; Assistant Secretary, Mr. A. Blackwood; Treasurer, Mr. J. K. Lang; Instructor and Adviser, Mr. C. E. Evans; Committee,

The club should do well if enthusiasm and earnestness counts. The boys are fortunate in having the services of Mr. Evans as coach—he knows the game thoroughly, and has the knack of imparting his knowledge.

PRACTICE GAME AT HANWOOD

The Hanwood Soccer team held their first practice game on Sunday, the lads turning out in great style—20 taking part in the game—and showing surprisingly good form for a first knock. Busby, at goal, was the bright particular star, while Cliff and Jackson, centre forward and right wing respectively, showed great promise. A good game ended in a draw—3 all.

Soccer players should lose no time in getting in touch with local teams. Messrs. A. Blackwood or L. Ray will give full information, etc., in regard to Griffith Club, and Mr. A. Hollinsworth, Secretary of Hanwood Club, will do likewise in regard to that side.

A general practice game will be held on the Hanwood Oval on Sunday next, between members of the Griffith and Hanwood Clubs. A full muster of intending members of both teams is expected, when two trial games will be staged.

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Sydney	2	2	—	—	7	0	4	
Two Blues	2	—	—	2	1	1	2	
Bal. Glad.	2	—	—	2	3	3	2	
Gladesville	2	1	1	—	3	8	2	
Bal. Fernleigh	2	—	1	1	0	1	1	
Auburn	2	—	1	1	3	4	1	
Pymont Ran.	2	—	2	—	4	6	0	

2nd Division.

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Leichhardt	2	2	—	—	9	5	4	
Rangers	2	2	—	—	7	3	4	
St. George	2	2	—	—	5	2	4	
W. Sydney	2	—	—	2	5	5	2	
Bal. Scottish	2	—	1	1	3	4	1	
Pymont	2	—	1	1	4	7	1	
Lachlan Ran.	2	—	2	—	5	8	0	
Canterbury	2	—	2	—	3	7	0	

"The ball went to Heaney, to Milner who netted."—S. "Sun."



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